

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

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MDL No. 1477

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PRETRIAL ORDER No. 8

Extension of Class Certification Deadlines

For reasons appearing to Court, and at the joint request of the parties, the following dates are set as class certification deadlines herein and those dates previously established in earlier pretrial orders in this matter are hereby vacated.

1. **Depositions of Putative Class Representatives.** Depositions of all class representatives shall be completed by December 31, 2003.
2. **Disclosure/Discovery of Plaintiffs' Experts.** Plaintiffs shall furnish to Defendants the identity and reports of all experts, if any, to be used in support of any Motion to Certify Class Action in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 (a)(2)(B) along with the dates each such expert is available for deposition by December 31, 2003. Defendant shall complete the depositions of Plaintiffs' experts by February 13, 2004.
3. **Disclosure/Discovery of Defendant's Experts.** Defendant shall furnish to Plaintiffs the identity and reports of all experts, if any, to be used in conjunction with class

certification issues in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B) along with the dates each such expert is available for deposition by March 1, 2004. Plaintiffs shall complete the depositions of Defendant's experts by April 15, 2004.

4. **Class Certification Motions.** Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel shall file any Motion to Certify Class Action together with supporting Memoranda, exhibits and affidavits by April 30, 2004. Defendant shall file any Memorandum in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification, together with exhibits, affidavits and depositions by June 15, 2004. Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel shall file any Memorandum in Reply to Defendants' Opposition to Class Certification by June 30, 2004. The page limits set in Pretrial Order #6 remain unchanged.

5. **Hearing.** The hearing on any Motion to Certify Class Action shall be on July 21, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

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Joseph R. Goodwin
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE